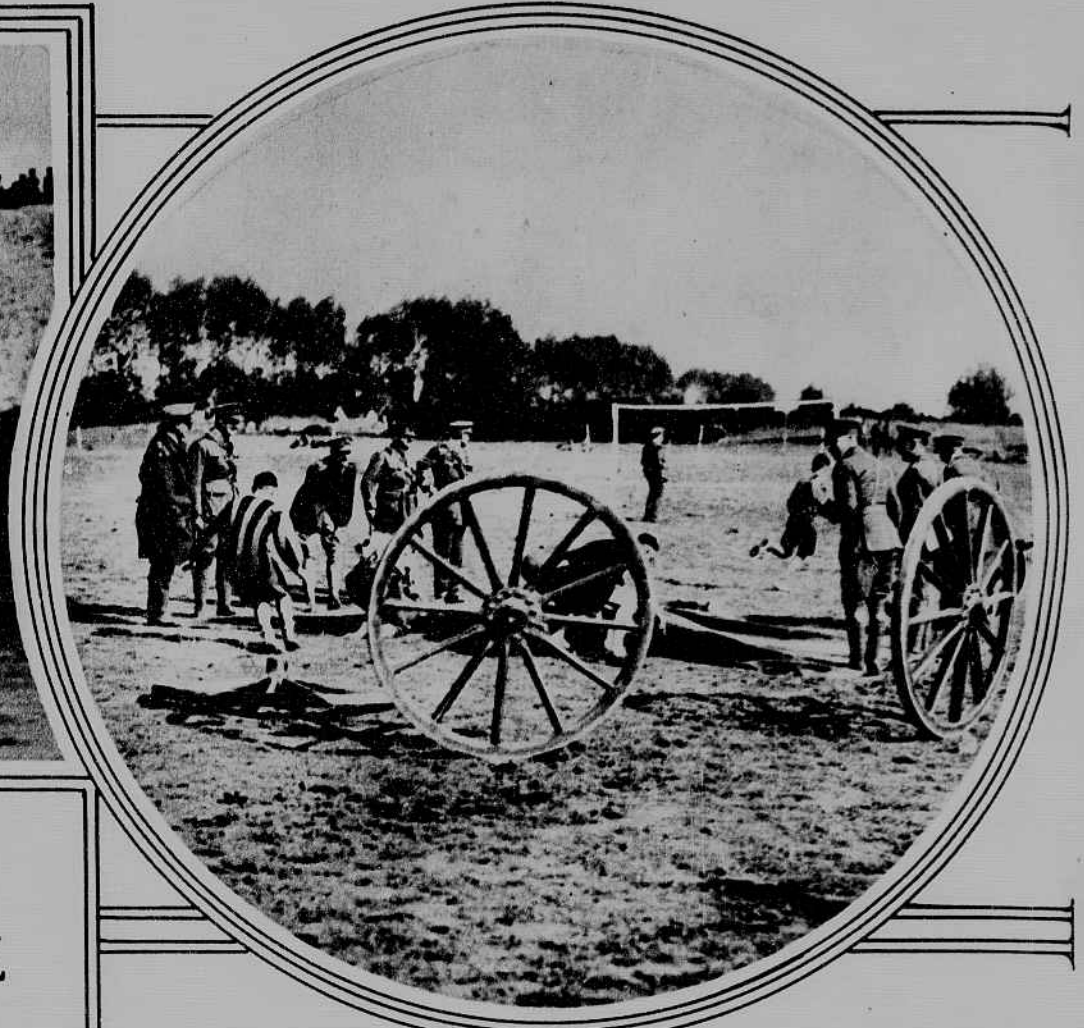




War cannot in the least weaken the thrill of baseball. This Canadian soldier has just negotiated a foul tip.



Rolling the wheel contests have a knack of becoming downright absorbing.

SPORTS BEHIND THE LINES

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Lining up for a gas mask race. This game may be called the exclusive property of the Great War.



A trifle winded, but still carrying on. This is the finish of an exciting mule race.



This man is not surrendering—he is merely winning a 100-yard dash.



Tommies make the very best sort of baseball rooters. This picture shows a section of the enthusiastic bleachers. The scorekeeper in the foreground is busy with his fountain pen. These decisions are important affairs—quite as important, in their own way, as the grimmer decision these fellows are out to win.